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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sirs:

The following extension of time is requested in order to respond to the Notice of Appeal mailed April 22, 2004 for which a response was initially due on or before June 22, 2004.

- X Two months to August 22, 2004. The extension fee is 210×420
- X A check to cover the \$420.00 extension fee is attached.
- ___ Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 11, 2004

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